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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 25, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. A complete listing of the claims begins at page 2. Remarks begins at page 4.